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**Governor Asks That Flags Fly At Half-Staff On Thursday To Honor Fallen Officer**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard asks that all flags in the state be flown at half-staff on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, from 8 a.m. until sunset, in honor of Rapid City Police Officer Nick Armstrong.

Armstrong died on Sunday, Aug. 7, after being critically injured Aug. 2 in the line of duty. Another officer, James McCandless, died shortly after being rushed to the hospital. A third officer, Tim Doyle, was injured.

“Officer Armstrong’s death compounds this tragic and senseless shooting,” the Governor said.

“These slain officers are grim reminders that those who serve and protect us work in a dangerous occupation and sometimes pay the ultimate price for our safety. My deepest sympathies go out to their families and friends.”

The Armstrong funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. MDT on Thursday, Aug. 11, at Barnett Arena in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery.